

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 10/023,806

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Bullock et al. (USP 6,887,817). Applicant respectfully disagrees for at least the following reasons. In Bullock, telephone communication signals are transmitted to a user via RF signals, not through a socket of the in-house power supply network.

Bullock discloses, *inter alia*, a method and system for telephone communication with buildings that makes use of both power line and RF communication channels (Bullock, col. 2, lines 45-48). As shown in Fig. 1 of Bullock, external telephone service 102 is received into subscriber telephone lines 103 internal to a building 101. A power line carrier base unit 104 is connected to both the subscriber telephone lines 103 and AC power lines 105 within the building 101. A signal booster unit 106 is connected to the AC power line 105 and an RF antenna 107. A remote extension unit 109 has an antenna 108 in communication with the antenna 107. A user accesses the external telephone service 102 via a telephone equipment 110. Consequently, telephone communication within the building 101 is provided to a user who does not have convenient access to AC power lines (Bullock, col. 4, lines 4-29). Thus, Bullock teaches away from transmitting telecommunication signals through a socket of the in-house power supply network.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6 are patentable. Claims 7 and 8-10 are patentable for at least analogous reasons.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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